

## Military Toronto – 1837 – Upper Canada Rebellion

The letter below (1846) is from William Lyon McKenzie to Andrew Buel, editor of a newspaper in Brockville. McKenzie was forced to leave Canada for leading the Rebellion of 1837 that took place in Toronto. In the letter he notes ... ***“Mr Secretary Gladstone has not been long enough in office to have had time to consider whether it is as yet quite safe to allow me, as in days of ole, to make the tour of Canada.”*** Later in the letter he hopes to Buel to be, ***“an old friend, who may call and see you one warm morning next summer or the summer after that, Queen Victoria permitting the passport.”***

In 1849 McKenzie was granted amnesty and allowed to return to Canada. His return to Toronto in March was met with violence toward him. However, he was elected and returned to the Legislature of the Province of Canada and served from 1851-1858. He died in 1861 at his home in Toronto.

